

# Tower Tidings

Where Everybody's Welcome, Nobody's Perfect and Anything's Possible!

## Spirit Matters



*<sup>16</sup> God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. <sup>17</sup> God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!  
John 3:16-17 (CEV)*

The story of God's strategic plan is in all of our scripture from Genesis' creation to Revelation's new Jerusalem. We know it didn't always go smoothly, remember the Garden of Eden--oops, the Israelites wandering in the wilderness--oh my, and the disciples scattering after the crucifixion--yikes! We also know the powerful success of God's strategy of Love at the empty tomb--yes, the Holy Spirit's fire at Pentecost--wow, and the power of the Body of Christ infectiously Loving through the Church--amazing.

Palmyra First UMC is beginning a strategic planning process, and to be sure it will parallel the ups and downs of God's story. We'll get some things right the first time, and we'll make a few humbling stumbles. We'll enthusiastically embrace where God leads us, and we'll rebelliously grumble in our discomfort and discontent. Perhaps, most importantly, God's redeeming grace will shine through in the end, when we choose this journey.

Strategic planning will stretch us personally; God will call and nudge us to new places. Sometimes we'll say "Yes" easily. Most often we'll doubt, dodge and ditch God's invitation for a while. We'll need one another for honest feedback, loving challenge, and mutual support, while we adapt and love on.

Strategic planning will stretch us as a church; God will call and nudge us to new ministry, neighbors and places. Sometimes we'll embrace the new with excited hard work. Frequently we'll avoid, forget, and distort God's invitations to us. We'll need much prayer, holy conversation, and Jesus-inspired boldness, so that we can adapt and love on.

Strategic planning will stretch us in our resources; God will challenge us beyond what we can see. Sometimes we'll step out faithfully with generous choices. Anxiously we'll act protectively, territorially, and selfishly--both as a church and as individuals. We'll need God Moments told joyously, personal faith lived entrepreneurially, and administration lived transparently, assisting us to adapt and love on.

Saved and stretched, stretched and saved, is the story of God's Love in Jesus, the holy story, the Bible's story. This timeless invitation and challenge starts from the inside-out, "Will I trust God and go where I don't choose, can't see, and quite possibly am not comfortable?" My prayer, as pastor and follower of Jesus, is that we all help one another answer, "YES!" because we trust the life transforming, world changing, soul saving Love of God in Jesus Christ.

10,000 Joys in the Way of Jesus Christ, Pastor Dave

\* All bible story references and genuine conversation about them available from Pastor Dave [dave@pfumc.us](mailto:dave@pfumc.us)

# Being The Hands and Feet of Jesus

## Opportunities for Service and Mission



### LAST CALL FOR MISSION TRIP 2017

Our annual mission trip to South Carolina will take place August 12-18. We will be assisting Rural Missions of John's Island with their mission of helping to provide safe and livable housing for the rural poor of the Sea Islands south of Charleston. This is a great opportunity to bond with both your fellow church members and the local African-American community in South Carolina. Most importantly, you will be acting as the hands and feet of our Lord as you help those in need. For more information contact Rick McCann or Tom Ryan.

**HOSPITALITY HELPERS NEEDED** — we are seeking volunteers to get the coffee and cookies ready on Sunday mornings. A big **thank you** to those who have already volunteered. Pick a date, sign up on the clipboard by the *Welcome Desk*.

**HONOR SOMEONE WITH ALTAR FLOWERS** — **July 2, 9 & 23 and Aug 6, 13, 20 & 27.** There are additional open dates throughout the year, please ask. Contact the church office (838-2551 or [churchoffice@pfumc.us](mailto:churchoffice@pfumc.us)) to reserve a Sunday.



**Mission Team Bake Sale** — several Mission Team members will be hosting a bake sale during the Palmyra Library's annual book sale (July 8-13). The proceeds from the sale will help defray the costs to individuals that are participating in our mission trip this August. Details on donation of baked goods will be coming soon!!

### NOAH'S LITTLE ARK — DIRECTOR NEWS

Thank you so much for the warm welcome to Palmyra First UMC and Noah's Little Ark. I've loved meeting the teachers and families and look forward to getting to know you better. Over the summer, I'm hoping to hear from church members, families, and teachers about what they love about Noah's Little Ark and what hopes and dreams we should focus on for the future. Please feel free to contact me if you're interested in sharing your feedback! I can be reached via email:



[Kimberly.Zenyuch@gmail.com](mailto:Kimberly.Zenyuch@gmail.com)

**Camp Supply Request:** We are seeking the following donations for the Noah's Little Ark summer camp: Brita water bottle, sealed bags of nut-free pretzels, empty water bottles, and sealable bags (Ziploc-type). Please feel free to put your donations in the box outside the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

### Knit Crochet and Pray: Busy as Usual

Knit Crochet and Pray will resume their "knit-in" gatherings following a summer break. Gatherings take place in the south wing where newly made items are blessed before they find their way to good homes here in Lebanon County and across the world

Those little Peace Pal dolls will be stuffed in the luggage of missionaries on their way to Tanzania and Cambodia this summer. 40 of the little Pals went to Puerto Rico with Lebanon Valley College students in May.

We are still accepting all-age hand made mittens, hats and scarves, baby blankets (min. 24-30"), bibs and booties for Lebanon Valley Health Services, and shawls (min 60" long) for *Knitting4Peace* and local needs. Baby cardigans for UMCOR baby kits are also welcome.

Thanks to those of you who find the time to create beautiful hand made items, pray over them and donate them for unknown needy recipients around the world. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



### COMMUNITY COMEDY NIGHT WITH MARTY SIMPSON (AND AL SMITH) SUNDAY JUNE 11TH, 7PM

Tickets are \$10 and available at the *Welcome Desk* or online (<http://buytickets.at/martysimpsoncomedy/98448>).

Comedian Marty Simpson will be performing. Marty is a clean comedian, a comedian who is also a Christian. That means he doesn't tell only Christian themed comedy, but everything is filtered through his mental and spiritual filter of Christ in me. A lot of his comedy is stories - he is a husband, father, former coach/teacher. His comedy has been heard on ESPN, American Family Radio, TBN, RealLife amongst others. Humor is a gift from God that can change your outlook and can even help heal. Come enjoy a night of laughter with us!



## United Methodist Women "Faith Acts" News

UMW "Faith Acts" wishes to thank everyone who donated time, talent or food to our Election Day bake sale. Also, thanks to those who participated in the Mother's Day Honor Roll. Proceeds will benefit Pat's Cubs, the Palmyra summer reading program begun in memory of Pat Bachman.

Due to the consolidation of districts within our Eastern PA Conference, the NW District UMW Summer Morning Retreat at Camp Seltzer has been cancelled. Watch for a Fall UMW event at Seltzer in October.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR UMCOR KITS

Over the summer UMW will again collect school supplies for UMCOR kits. We also hope to make school bags to hold the supplies. If you love to sew and see nice fairly heavy fabric on sale, please consider buying fabric and making a few bags. We will fill the bags at our September meeting. Directions for making a bag may be found at <https://www.umcor.org/umcor/relief-supplies/relief-supply-kits/school-bag-instructions>.

#### School Kit Materials

- **1 pair blunt scissors**
  - \* Rounded tip only
  - \* No plastic scissors, please
- **3 pads of paper**
  - \* Spiral- or top-bound pads
  - \* 150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad
  - \* Combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or loose-leaf paper is acceptable
  - \* No composition books
- **1 hand-held pencil sharpener**
  - \* Must be at least 1 inch long
  - \* Remove from packaging
- **1 30-centimeter ruler**
  - \* Hard or flexible
  - \* Cartoon characters are acceptable
  - \* No advertisements please
- **6 unsharpened pencils**
  - \* No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please
  - \* Cartoon characters are acceptable
- **1 2-inch or larger-size eraser**
  - \* No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please
  - \* Cartoon characters are acceptable
- **1 24-count box of crayons**
  - \* Only 24-count boxes, please



### "456" 4TH-6TH GRADE FELLOW-SHIP JULY 8 10:30am POOL PARTY!

Enjoy games, a bible story, an Activity Connection, a snack & more. Bring a friend as we connect to Jesus, each other & community. Upcoming dates: Oct. 20 Camp Seltzer event. Have ideas for "456"? Email Dave [dave@pfumc.us](mailto:dave@pfumc.us) to share what your older elementary child would love, ways you'd like to help, or opportunities to connect with this fun group.

#### TRUSTEE NOTES:

##### Church:

- ◆ Meily's Tree Service removed 2 large oak trees on the Birch Street side of the church.
- ◆ Florescent lights in Noah's Ark class rooms have been replaced as needed switching them to LED; plans are to switch all the classrooms' lights before the next school year.

##### Camp Seltzer:

- ◆ Floors are being refinished by Brian Meyers, which was much needed; blown insulation will be put in the attic (done by Weaver Insulators).
- ◆ The camp will be logged by Weaver Lumber this fall/winter.

### WE WELCOME NEW NOAH'S LITTLE ARK DIRECTOR: KIM ZENYUCH

**We want to introduce our New Noah's Little Ark Director, Kimberly Zenyuch.** We are excited to have her on board. She brings with her experience from many places of education, teaching and management that can be a great asset as Noah's Little Ark moves ahead. In our conversations and work with Kim so far, we've found her to be a good listener, caring and competent. Here is a brief bio from Kim herself:

*I am thrilled to join the Palmyra First UMC family as Director of Noah's Little Ark Preschool. My family and I moved to the area last year, and I was immediately drawn to the incredible service the church is doing for the community. I'm so excited to join you in service.*

*Before we moved, I was an educator and have worked with people of various ages and backgrounds in both general and music education. Currently, I am a stay at home mom and director of Kids' MusicRound - Hershey. It has always been my dream to lead a Christian school. I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to join a school where children come first, and God's love is shared with all. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and can't wait to get started!*

When you have the opportunity to meet Kim, please welcome her to our team here at Palmyra First UMC.



**T.E.A. (THROUGH EYES OF ANOTHER)**

For the **June 1st** discussion, T.E.A. will discuss *BOUNDLESS* by Bryan Bishop. This book looks at a startling phenomenon: groups of Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and others who are becoming followers of Jesus outside the traditional western cultural expectations. The book gives an intriguing and refreshing view of Christianity moving in other parts of the world.

**CAMP SELTZER BEGINS JUNE 4TH** Our 8am services will move to our camp 1.5 miles north of our main building on Lindberg Rd. We will regularly enjoy the woods and worship. If weather threatens please check with Pastor Dave 717-269-3483 if you have any question about whether we can worship at the camp. Our services will continue until Labor Day Weekend, concluding with our last service outside on September 3. **Check it out!**

**SEEKING ASSOC. PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP**



[Palmyra First UMC](#) is seeking an Associate Pastor of Discipleship who loves building up people in intentional and systematic ways, and loves Jesus more than that. Included in the role is encouraging, training, overseeing and guiding discipleship ministries of all ages. The ideal candidate will see shared preaching and pastoral care as windows on discipleship ministry. The successful candidate will be an outgoing, self-starting, team player who is passionate about making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Contact Pastor Dave Harris for more info or to apply, 717-269-3483 or [dave@pfumc.us](mailto:dave@pfumc.us).

**UPCOMING WORSHIP** "A Singer's Look at Faith " is our upcoming worship theme, beginning June 4, looking at the *Psalms*. The book of Psalms is the songbook of the Church. It is a mirror and guide to real, honest life and faith. Everything from joy to anger, love to enmity is in here. The Psalms show us how to dance with abandon and lament with honest passion. In our brief journey we'll learn some basics of faith and life from the Psalms.

- May 28** - One Service 10am Memorial Day
- Jun 4** - "Fire?" Acts 2:1-4 Pentecost. Communion
- Jun 11** - Psalm 100 "Joy"
- Jun 18** - Mike Poltonavage, Christ Servant Minister, preaching
- Jun 25** - Psalm 23 "Provision"
- Jul 2** - Psalm 30 "Thanks"
- Jul 9** - Psalm 150 "Praise"



Deadline for July newsletter is **June 14**. Please submit your articles to Tracy Nornhold (tmnornhold@comcast.net). Keep in mind that we do not print a newsletter for August so be sure to highlight those items planned for early fall in this upcoming newsletter.



**Father's Day Honor Roll**—The United Methodist Women will be organizing the Father's Day Honor Roll again this year. The donations raised will be given to Gretna Glen. They are asking for a minimum donation of \$1.00 per name. Please complete the form below and with your donation, place in the offering plate or leave in an envelope in the office. If you would like to use a check, please make out to the church and place "father's day honor roll" on the memo line. The deadline is Sunday, June 11th. If you have any questions, please see Chris Horn.

**Father's Day Honor Roll**

Please submit this form with a minimum of \$1.00 donation per name to the office or in the offering plate by Sunday, June 11th.

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